

Mauritius Safari



SRGS12J: 12-night package – Sun City + Pilanesberg Safari + Mauritius

Day 1

You will be met at **Johannesburg Airport** and transferred to the fascinating international resort of **Sun City**, a 2-hour drive through the rural North West Province.

Check in to your luxury **Sun City** hotel and enjoy the many pleasures of this sophisticated resort, which offers the best of Vegas-style gaming combined with world-class sporting and family facilities. Settle in to your lush subtropical surrounding, under warm blue African skies.

Days 2 and 3

Relax and enjoy the many holiday facilities of **Sun City**. Although famous for its gaming activities, Sun City offers a wide variety of outdoor, family and sporting activities - making it one of South Africa's most popular holiday destinations.

Its world-class **Entertainment Centre** includes slot machines and bingo, whilst the sophisticated Casino offers Black Jack, Roulette and much more.

Outside there are waterfalls and abundant tropical bird life. The Valley of the Waves water theme park offers both gentle rides and thrilling steep slides, as well as a man-made tropical beach with real waves!

There is an excellent gym and spa and a full range of sporting activities, including water sports on the dam, tennis courts and two world-class championship golf courses at the Gary Player Country Club and Lost City, where crocodiles are found in some water hazards!

Later simply relax at one of the many swimming pools and absorb the atmosphere of this very special resort.

Day 4

Midday transfer to the beautiful neighbouring malaria-free **Pilanesberg Game Reserve**.

After checking into your luxury game lodge, enjoy your first game drive in an open-top game viewing vehicle in this superb Big Five game reserve, which is uniquely situated inside an extinct volcano. Hopefully see elephants, lions, antelope and a wide variety of other game, before enjoy dinner in your warm African surroundings.

Day 5

Up early this morning, when viewing conditions are at their best, for another open-top game drive in the **Pilanesberg Game Reserve**. We hope to see more of the **Big Five** today – lion, buffalo, rhino, elephant and leopard – as well as giraffe, wildebeest, crocodiles, hippos, antelope and many other interesting species, before returning to the lodge for breakfast.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax beside the lodge swimming pool or visit the viewing hide. In the afternoon return to **Pilanesberg Game Reserve** for another game drive, before dining at the lodge in the atmosphere that only the African bushveld can provide!

Day 6

Time permitting, enjoy another early morning open-top game drive before breakfast and your return transfer to **Johannesburg Airport** for your 4-hour international flight to **Mauritius**.

You will be met at **Mauritius Airport** and transferred to your luxury resort, a drive of just over 1-hour. Check in, settle in and relax in your beautiful Indian Ocean Island, surrounded by turquoise waters and coral reefs. Later dine in style at your resort restaurant.

Days 7 to 12

Relax and unwind on the white sandy beaches of **Mauritius**, as you treat yourself to fine food and wonderful entertainment!

Enjoy lazy days **swimming** and **snorkelling** in the warm turquoise waters of the **Indian Ocean**. Or relax on the beach or beside the swimming pool, whilst enjoying the many facilities of your luxury resort hotel.

Activities at or near your resort are plentiful and include:

- Water skiing
- Wind surfing
- Sailing & Canoeing
- Beach volley ball
- Floodlit tennis courts
- Football
- Table tennis
- Water polo
- Gym & Spa

Full day **Catamaran cruises** are very popular, as well as **Dolphin-watching** boat trips and **Glass-bottom boats** to view tropical fish and coral reefs.

Mauritius offers wonderful **Scuba Diving**, with fully equipped dive centres offering a variety of PADI courses. If have never tried before, these clear calm waters offer an ideal location in which to learn to scuba.

Deep Sea Fishing for giant marlin or **Reef Fishing** for giant trevally offer thrilling activities!

Golf and **Horse Riding** are nearby, as well as the opportunity to **Hire a Bicycle** to explore the island at your own pace.

Island sightseeing day excursions include visits to **Grand Baie**, with its many pubs and nightlife, and the capital city of **Port Louis** – where you must expect to bargain vigorously.

With its warm tropical weather all year-round, magnificent hotels and wonderful hospitality, Mauritius offers a vibrant Indian Ocean Island experience.

Day 13

Return transfer to **Mauritius Airport** for your journey home.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

SUN CITY

- ❑ 3 nights luxury accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ English breakfasts daily

PILANESBERG SAFARI

- ❑ 2 nights luxury game lodge accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ 2 open-top game drives per day in Pilanesberg Game Reserve
- ❑ All game park fees and local taxes
- ❑ English breakfasts daily
- ❑ Dinners daily

MAURITIUS

- ❑ 7 nights luxury accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Water Sports
- ❑ English breakfasts daily
- ❑ Dinners daily

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

All airport and ground transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
Activities specified in itinerary, including transfers and entrance charges

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International & domestic flights (quoted separately)
Lunches & dinners (unless specified)
Drinks & refreshments
Tips for porters and restaurants
Telephone calls, laundry & other incidental personal expenditure
Visa fees, in countries where these apply
Airport departure taxes, in countries where these apply

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – please enquire for supplements

PILANESBERG

Safari Drives – open-top game drives into this beautiful malaria-free Big 5 game reserve (2.5 hrs)

Elephant Back Safari – 20 min drive through Letsatsing Game Park to the Elephant Wallow, viewing birds and game. After an initial opportunity to interact with the elephants, saddle up and enjoy a 1-hr elephant-back safari following ancient game trails through the reserve

Hot Air Balloon Ride – pre-dawn departure for 1-hour flight over Pilanesberg Game Reserve, followed by a game drive and breakfast (subject to prevailing weather conditions)

SUN CITY

Entertainment Centre – casino, slots, bingo, restaurants, movies and live shows

Valley of the Waves – tropical beach with real waves, lazy river, tubes and slides

Golf – 18-holes of championship golf, with shared cart or caddy **Golf club hire**

Gary Player Health Spa – wide variety of treatments, including Marula body wrap & gymnasium

Walk-through Aviary – for close-up views of many colourful indigenous bird species

Motseng Cultural Village & Shebeen – African foods, arts & crafts and tribal dancing

Helicopter Flips – over Sun City

Butterfly World – spectacular variety of tropical butterflies

Horse Riding – variety of trails through Pilanesberg Game Park

Birds of Prey – daily educational flying displays

Drumming – learn to play the African drums in a drum circle designed for beginners (1-hour)

Quad Biking – adventure trail through Letsatsing Game Park, accompanied by a guide. You may see wildlife on the way (1-hour)

Clay Pigeon Shooting – assisted by an instructor, become acquainted with the 12 gauge shotguns used in this exciting sport. No experience necessary (1-hour)

Archery – master this ancient art by learning to shoot the crossbow and modern compound bow. No experience necessary (1-hour)

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Ile aux Cerfs – swim or relax at the tropical playground of Mauritius, which also has an 18-hole Bernard Langer golf course (full day, with lunch – water sports extra)

Catamaran Sailing – with opportunity to swim & snorkel (sunset cruise; half day with shopping, or full day with lunch)

North Mauritius – cruise up the beautiful northwest coast from exciting Port Louis to the island of Troux-aux-Biches, returning overland via Pamplemousse Botanical Gardens (full day, including lunch)

South Mauritius – visit a diamond cutting workshop, model ship factory & oriental carpet bazaar in Curepipe, the dormant volcanic crater of Troux-aux-Cerfs, the sacred lake of Grand Bassin, Ganga Talao (the site of Lord Shiva's temple), the Black River Gorges, Chamarel's waterfall & 7 coloured earths (full day, with lunch)

Sugar Route – visit the ancient sugar mill and rum distillery at Domaine Les Pailles and enjoy Mauritian tea at Eureka, one of the oldest the best preserved colonial homes on the island (full day, with lunch)

Tea Route – visit the colonial homestead of Domaine des Aubineaux and a traditional tea factory. Travel through vanilla and anthurium plantations, with the opportunity to buy some Mauritian tea and rum. Also La Vanille Reserve des Mascareignes, home to over 2,000 Nile crocodiles and largest Indian Ocean collection of insects (full day, with lunch)

Nature Route – explore L'Etoile & Fernery Reserve by Land Rover or quad bike. See stags in natural habitat, plus panoramic views of east, south east and north of island (full day, with lunch)

South East Coast – short sea crossing to the wildlife sanctuary at Ile aux Aigrettes, home to the rare pink pigeon, and the traditional Mauritian village of Mahebourg, then explore 2,000 acres lush vegetation at Domaine du Chasseur (full day, with lunch)

Port Louis & Pamplemousse Botanical Garden – combine shopping at Le Caudan Waterfront and duty-free shopping at Miraj with Pamplemousse Gardens (half day)

Curepipe – “shop till you drop” for duty-free Oriental carpets, diamonds, watches and jewellery. Also for designer clothes, model ships, Mauritian glass and other locally produced arts & crafts (half day)

Undersea Walk (with helmet) & Grand Baie – walk on the seabed amongst the sea life of the reef (20-minutes), followed by shopping in Grand Baie (half day)

Undersea Submarine & Grand Baie – dive over 30 metres in a real submarine to see the sea life of the reef (40-minutes), followed by shopping in Grand Baie (half day)

Deep Sea Game Fishing – for marlin and a variety of other game fish

Golf – 9-holes of resort golf or 18-holes championship golf **Golf Club Hire**

Adventure Trekking **Abseiling** **Archery** **Helicopter Flips**

Horse Riding **Mountain Biking** **Quad Biking** **Horse Racing**

Scuba Diving **Sea Kayaking**